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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, OCTOBER 23, 1974.

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY KING'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AT
TODAY'S BRIEFING:

1. STROBE TALBOTT -- EXPLAINED CIRCUMSTANCES AS WE KNOW
THEM CONCERNING SOVS REFUSAL PROVIDE VISA FOR TALBOTT. WE
ARE CONTINUING EFFORT DETERMINE REASON FOR REFUSAL. HAVE
NOT PROTESTED.CONTRARY TO WIRE
SERVICE (AP) REPORT, SECRETARY DID NOT RAISE WITH GROMYKO;
REFUSED TO SPECULATE WHETHER HE WOULD IN MOSCOW. MATTER
HAS BEEN HANDLED AT LOWER LEVEL THUS FAR.

IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBILITY OF ULTIMATE DISAPPROVAL,
TALBOTT APPEALED TO ACCOMPANY PARTY TO COPENHAGEN IN HOPE
OF LAST MINUTE APPROVAL. DOBRYNIN NOT ON SECRETARY'S
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2. NOVEMBER 6 ANKARA VISIT -- HAVE SEEN TURKISH RADIO REPORT STATING SECRETARY WOULD VISIT ON NOVEMBER 6 BUT NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM.

3. HANEY HOWELL -- HOWELL OUT OF HOSPITAL AND RECOVERING. EMBASSY SAIGON DID ASK MFA FOR INVESTIGATION BUT WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT FROM VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES.

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